

Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner

28 March 2024

Dear Stakeholder

Notice of Appointment - Interim Commissioner

Further to advising of my retirement as Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner, I am writing to advise Mr. John Sheldon will be standing in as interim Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner, whilst a process is undertaken to permanently fill this important position.

Mr. Sheldon is a senior Commonwealth public servant who currently works within the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, the Environment, Energy and Water (DCCEEW). Mr. Sheldon has extensive experience of working on social licence and community engagement issues across a range of policy and delivery areas, including energy infrastructure and transmission projects.

As interim Commissioner, Mr. Sheldon will focus his attention on ensuring the Office of the Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner continues to function effectively until a permanent independent Commissioner is appointed. The Office will continue to provide support to stakeholders and handle complaints as per established processes. Mr. Sheldon will also work with stakeholders to progress the implementation of the recommendations of the Community Engagement Review.

Mr. Sheldon will commence as interim Commissioner on Tuesday, 2 April 2024 and can be contacted at <u>aeic@aeic.gov.au</u>.

DCCEEW will commence a process to appoint a permanent independent Commissioner. They anticipate announcing a permanent Commissioner appointment by the start of the 2024/25 financial year.

It has been a pleasure working with you and I again thank you for your engagement and support. I wish you all the best for the future.

Sincerely

Andrew Dyer